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PEREZ

REF: NEAVNER/BLACKEN TELCON OF FEB. 26

1. CHRONICLE OF FEB. 25 CARRIED FULL-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT
PLACED BY VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR HARQUEZ FEATURING TEXT OF
VENEZUELAN DENIAL OF US PRESS ACCUSATIONS OF CIA PAYMENTS
TO PRESIDENT PEREZ.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
THE GUYANA CHRONICLE OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST,
1977 (ON PAGE 2, COLUMN 5) CARRIED A STORY REFERRING TO A NEW
YORK TIMES REPORT ACCUSING PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ OF
VENEZUELA OF RECEIVING MONEY FROM THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLI-
GENCE AGENCY (CIA), WHILE HE WAS INTERIOR MINISTER. THE
CHRONICLE STORY WAS HEADLINED "VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT DENIES
PEREZ TOOK CIA MONEY."

THE EMBASSY OF VENEZUELA IN GEORGETOWN (TODAY) RELEASED
THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT MADE ON THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORT OF
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1977, AT MERIDA, VENEZUELA, BY PRESI-
DENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ.

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THE FOLLOWING IS PRESIDENT PEREZ DECLARATION: "I HAVE
HEARD WITH INDIGNATION, OF THE INFAMOUS CONFABULATION AGAINST
THE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF VENEZUELA. THE CHARGE OF MY
HAVING RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE CIA, CANNOT BE INTERPRETED IN
ANY OTHER MANNER, EXCEPT THAT OF A VILE ACCUSATION AGAINST
THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA--THE HIGH OFFICE THAT I HOLD WITH
HONOUR AND WITHOUT BLEMISH.

AS A MATTER OF VITAL SELF-RESPECT, I MUST NOT ANSWER THE VILE FABRICATION WHICH PRETENDS TO MORALLY VILIFY ME. VENEZUELA KNOWS THAT IT CAN TRUST ME. VENEZUELA ALSO KNOWS THAT THE GROTESQUE PRETENSE IS DESIGNED TO GET EVEN WITH US, BECAUSE OF OUR IRREVOCABLE DECISION TO EXERCISE OUR SOVEREIGNTY IN ORDER TO MAKE OURSELVES MASTER OF OUR OWN DESTINY.

THE NATIONALISATION OF OUR IRON-ORE AND OIL INDUSTRIES, OUR IRREVOCABLE POSITION WITHIN OPEC, OUR STERN BUT RESPONSIBLE POSITION AGAINST THE ABUSES OF TRANSNATIONAL CAPITALISM, AND OUR OPEN AND DEDICATED POSITION ON THE THIRD WORLD, ARE THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF THIS DOWNRIGHT MANOEUVRE AGAINST VENEZUELA, IN TRYING TO RIDICULE ITS HEAD OF STATE.

THE WORLD'S CONSCIENCE IS MOVED TO SEE THAT THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH, THE LAND WHICH PROCLAIMS THE MERITS OF DEMOCRACY, THE LAND EXALTS THE DIGNITY OF MAN AND LIBERTY, FAVOURS A ROTTEN ORGANIZATION WHOSE MAIN OBJECT IS TO CORRUPT PEOPLE AND NATIONS. WHEN THEY ARE NOT PARTIAL TO ITS DESIGNS, THEY ARE SUBJECTED TO MUDRAKING BY ACCUSING THEM OF BEING THEIR SERVANTS, KNOWING BEFOREHAND, OF THE WORLDWIDE REVULSION WHICH ANY CONTACT WITH THAT CRIMINAL ORGANISATION, CAUSES. THIS ORGANISATION KNOWS NEITHER BOUNDARIES FOR CRIME NOR ETHICAL BARRIERS.

THE U.S.A. GAVE A UNIVERSAL EXAMPLE WHEN IT DECIDED TO FORCE A PRESIDENT TO RESIGN. MORE RECENTLY, AFTER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER WAS SWORN IN, EMPHASIS WAS MADE ON THE RESCUE OF ETHICAL VALUES OF HIS GREAT NATION. THE NOBLE AND PROFOUND CONCEPT OF JUSTICE THAT COHERES HIS SPEECHES AND DECLARATIONS, HAS CREATED A HOPEFUL EXPECTATION OF GAINS FOR THE WORLD WHICH IS IN THE THORES OF MORAL DISINTEGRATION EMANATING FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GREAT CENTRES OF WORLD POWER.

VENEZUELA FEELS THREATENED. IT IS UNBELIEVABLE THAT THE VILE ACCUSATION PUBLISHED BY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWSPAPERS OF THE U.S.A., AND THE MENTION OF THE CIA AS THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION, COULD HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT CONFORMING TO PLANS THAT COMPROMISE VERY HIGH US GOVERNMENT CIRCLES.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S SINCERITY OF PURPOSE IS BEING SUBMITTED TO A DIFFICULT TEST. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS UNDER RESPONSIBILITY TO THE VENEZUELAN NATION, HAVING INSULTED ITS CHIEF OF STATE, TO DENY THIS INDIGNANT AND FALSE ACCUSATION.

THE DIGNITY OF VENEZUELA AND THE HONESTY OF ITS LEADERS--COMING FROM A NATION SO OBLIGED AND COMMITTED TO A WAY OF LIFE AND CONDUCT DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF MAN AND LIBERTY--CANNOT BE THE OBJECT OF SUCH IGNOBLE AGGRESSIONS." END TEXT.
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